

**\*\*MEDIA RELEASE\*\***

## **BIG LAKE POLIC DEPARTMENT**



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160 Lake Street North, Big Lake MN, 55309

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**Incident Number:**

**Date/Time: 7/1/2014**

### **Suspect Charged in Sexual Assault**

August 17, 2013 Big Lake Police were informed that the victim of a sexual assault was in the Emergency Room in Hutchinson MN, and that the assault had taken place in Big Lake. Through his investigation, Investigator Terry Nordquist determined that the following had taken place. The victim in this incident was at a house party in the City of Big Lake. The victim had consumed a drink, and soon after became ill, believing something had been placed in her drink. When she went into the residence, she was sexually assaulted by the suspect in this case. The suspect was identified as Andrew Anderson – Age 23 – Big Lake.

Anderson has been charged by criminal complaint with 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Criminal Sexual Contact – Victim Impaired with a pending court date.

### **Suspect Charged in Arson Case**

On May 4, 2014 Officer Jesse Gilbertson and Chris Hoard were dispatched to Trillium Lane to investigate a suspicious vehicle circling the neighborhood. Officer Gilbertson located the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop. While Officer Gilbertson was on the traffic stop, Officer Chris Hoard located a wooden mailbox on fire in the immediate area at a residence. In a search of the vehicle, a lighter was located on the driver's seat. The driver, identified as Jeffrey Wieters – Age 20 – Big Lake, admitted to setting the fire. Wieters was charged by criminal complaint with 5<sup>th</sup> Degree Arson with a pending court date.